

CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD 26TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Vice President Graham Harker opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 10 members present. The evening was a **Members' Evening** at which members were invited to show part of their own collection. Five members made presentations:



Photograph of the five presenters from left to right: **David Taylor, Paul Elliot, Graham Harker, Chris Hitchen, Brian Asquith.**

- **Graham Harker's** presentation was of **Prestige Stamp Booklets of Great Britain** which have been produced since 1969. In total 77 booklets have been produced and examples of booklet panes were on show.
- **Chris Hitchen** showed French covers of the **Postal Reforms 1876-1878**, which included local rates, inland rates and newspapers.

- **Paul Elliot** showed two displays. The first was of **Frozen French Assets** which was concerned with French Southern and Antarctic Territories. The stamps illustrated local wildlife and early explorers. The second display was of postcards/photographs of the **Royal Navy** and the **French Navy** related to Trafalgar and also early 20th century warships including Royal Navy Dreadnoughts..
- **David Taylor** showed postcards of **Shipping Lines** metre marks on postcards of the Hamburg/Amerika line together with envelopes of the Elder steamship company.
- **Brian Asquith's** display was of **airmail** salvaged from **crashes** both in China and international mail from China between 1934 and 1967. Photographs of some of the resulting wrecks and supporting ephemera were also displayed.

Member enjoyed looking at the displays and following a vote of thanks to the presenters the meeting closed at 21.00 hours.

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Graham Harker

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